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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Gerald A. Anderson

For: BLOOD BAG SUPPORT STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR REFRIGERATORS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2003, the Examiner requested that a restriction requirement and an election of species be made under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Examiner requires a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a refrigerator support structure and Group II, claims 18-22, drawn to a method of assembly. Further, the Examiner requires an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for Figure 1, Figure 5 and Figure 7, separately. However, it should be noted that Figures 5 and 7 are of the same embodiment and thus should be grouped together as a single species.

In response to the above requirements, Applicant hereby elects with traverse, Group I, claims 1-17 and the species of Figures 5 and 7 readable on claims 1-22 accordingly. Thus, it is believed that the overlapping claims 1-17 should be treated on the merits.



Respectfully submitted,

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